

We demand that Sinclair Broadcasting Corporation be stopped from airing, one week before national elections, what it claims is a "news story" focusing on John Kerry's activities more than 30 years ago. This is not news, this is a political statement that should be barred from transmission.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.